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The Rotary Club of Singapore was given the honour of hosting District 3310's The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Donor Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, 6th March 2024 at Churchill Room, Tanglin Club. This event saw participation from Rotary Clubs in the District as well as visiting Rotarians in the region.

Gracing the event was Guest of Honour, Past Rotary International President (PRIP) Gary Huang. Following is an extract of PRIP Gary Huang's speech entitled "Why Donate To The Rotary Foundation", which he made at the dinner:



Guest of Honour (GOH), Past Rotary International President (PRIP) Gary Huang

"For more than 119 years, Rotary has brought together professionals with diverse backgrounds to exchange ideas, form meaningful friendships and give back to their communities.

Now numbering more than 1.2 million members around the world, Rotary's philanthropic work is headed up by The Rotary Foundation, our Outstanding Foundation.

And we intend to bring hope and transform lives for generations to come.

The Charity Navigator award recognizes our ability to use our resources well in the service of our mission.

It helps to spread our belief that service to humankind truly changes our world, and for that reason, it is the greatest work of life.

From its first contribution of \$26.50 almost a century ago, The Rotary Foundation has given more than \$4.6 billion to projects that promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children and grow local economies.

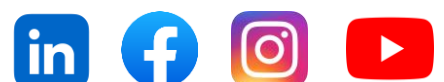
Our members have always been passionate advocates for international understanding. In fact, in San Francisco, dozens of Rotary members gathered, together with delegates of fifty countries, for the conference that founded the United Nations in the spring of 1945.

If our members formed the original social network, connecting people for good, then our Foundation is a 100-year-old social impact incubator, changing millions of lives.

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With the generous support of our members and partners, we have taken on some of the toughest humanitarian challenges in the world, none more than the devastating disease of polio.

In 1985, Rotary -a non-profit- had the audacity to say we are going to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. And only one other human disease, smallpox, has been eradicated in history.

So, we started in 1985 with 125 countries that had polio. We are now down to just two -Afghanistan and Pakistan. We had about 350,000 cases of polio back in 1985. Last year we were down to just 12 cases.

In 2019-20, we have also successfully met our \$50-million-dollar polio fundraising goal to receive the full 2:1 match from the Gates Foundation.

We will defeat polio, and it will be a landmark achievement for global public health.

But of course, while polio is our signature project, it is one of many through which our Foundation is changing lives.

In 2013, The Rotary Foundation launched a new grant model that enhances the scope, impact and sustainability of the humanitarian and educational projects we fund.

The grant model simplified the focuses Rotary members service greatest impact. The model and a global reach with local high-impact results in Foundation funds more than and scholarships annually.

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Foundation's grant process and efforts where they will have the combines Rotary's volunteer base resources to support sustainable, communities all over the world. The US\$100 million in service projects

People want to see the results of their philanthropic giving; It is no longer enough to know that their funds are being handled with care. Donors want to know that their funds are invested in projects and activities that will have a tangible impact in improving people's lives. Global grants fund effective projects that achieve their goals within the Foundation's seven areas of focus.

Long ago, before Rotary began, there was a man who embodied in himself the principles of Rotary. His name was Confucius, and he lived in Ancient China. The words he spoke are worth remembering today. He said, translated In English, we might say, if you see what is right, and fail to act on it, you lack courage.

Looking out on this room, I see people who embody this idea. As Rotarians, we see the problems in the world. Then we take courageous steps to solve them. people who create lasting change.

We are people of action: Equipped by the resources of the Foundation, we are able to make a difference in thousands of communities throughout the world.

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That is the wonderful thing about Rotary. It is easy to find people with good ideas. But to find people with good ideas, and the courage to put them into practice? Look at Rotary. You are the people of action. You have the courage to act, and your actions are transforming the world.

Yes, in summary, be proud. It's easy to say that we belong to one of the greatest philanthropic organizations in the world. But the truth is, we belong to the best. The numbers and ratings do not lie. Our ambition does not lie. Our results do not lie.

This greatness was never an accident nor a coincidence nor a twist of fate. It arose from the certain belief that, together, Rotarians and their Foundation can diminish the suffering and injustice in the world just that little bit.

Whether the people you serve know who you are, or what you did, does not matter.

You have changed their lives, as surely as if it was your own hands that built the toilets, or laid the pipes, or squeezed out two drops of vaccine.

But where does that money come from, and who powers the Rotary Foundation? The answer to that is - each of you.

It is you who provides the vision, the focus, and the energy behind the Rotary Foundation. It is your impetus that puts the foundation in motion.

And the Foundation financial reports show your money; your money invested in doing good in the world. When I read about all the good that Rotary is doing in the world, I think, those are some investments that are giving high returns. 91 percent of all funds are spent directly on programs. That is how we contribute to a better world!

That is the wonderful thing about Rotary. It is easy to find people with good ideas. But to find people with good ideas, and the courage to put them into practice? Then you want to look at Rotary.

You are the people of action. You have the courage to act, and your actions are transforming the world.

Thank you.”



PRIP Gary Huang leading the memorable “Happy Clap”

Report & Photo Album

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Donor Recognition Dinner – 6.3.24

Welcome:

President Dr Chan Siew Luen officially welcomed Guest of Honour, Past Rotary International President (PRIP) Gary Huang, Rotary International Director (RID) Chew Ghim Bok, District Governor (DG) Dr John Chan, District Governor Elect (DGE) Dr Yap Lip Kee, District Governor Nominee (DGN) Dr Shahul Hameed, Past District Governors (PDG) and other District officials, guests of members and Rotarians from Rotary Clubs in the District.

President Siew Luen announced and highlighted the link/QR code for spontaneous pledges towards The Rotary Foundation.

Toast:

IPP James Lee led the toast to the wonderful organisation that is Rotary International.

Programme:

A video on one of many TRF projects entitled “Doing Good in Vietnam” was played which showed the successful chicken raising programme to improve economic conditions (Global Grant 1982710).

District 3310 Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC), PP Ng Yaw Hua gave a report in which he highlighted D3310 TRF past 3 Rotary Years contributions of about US\$4 million. He announced the top 5 Giving Clubs in the District which was led by Rotary Club of Singapore (RCS).

Next, DG Dr John Chan introduced the Guest of Honour, PRIP Gary Huang, who gave an inspiring speech (please refer to the bulletin’s In Focus article), but not before leading the audience with his memorable “Happy Clap”!

President Siew Luen called on DRFC Yaw Hua who invited IPDG Joanne Kam who announced that in Rotary Year 2022-23, the District was the top worldwide contributor to the Annual Fund per capita raising US\$6.55 million, and the top 3 contributing clubs were Rotary Club (RC) of Singapore, followed by RC Raffles City and RC Queenstown. A list of Arch Klumph Society members was also presented.

We heard motivating speeches from RID Chew Ghim Bok as well as from DG Dr John Chan who pledged US\$235,000 towards TRF during his term in office.

DGN Dr Shahul Hameed was invited to announce the confirmed pledges received as well as those which were spontaneously given during the evening’s event. It was noted that the pledges/collections far exceeded the target of US\$500,000 and the total raised came to about US\$650,000.

Before closing the meeting, President Siew Luen extended the vote of thanks to PRIP Gary whose presence at the dinner garnered further contributions to TRF. He called on Rotarians to donate now rather than later and urged them to give generously.



Photo Album of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Donor Recognition Dinner – 6.3.24



The welcoming party comprising DG Dr John Chan, DGN Dr Shahul Hameed & President Dr Chan Siew Luen (from left)



Arrival of GOH PRID Gary Huang, greeted by DG John



President Siew Luen escorting PRIP Gary



The VIP Table



DG John's inspiring speech



RID Ghim Bok motivating Rotarians to donate to TRF

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IPP James Lee with RCS's No. 1 Club in the District banner



From left: PP Tapan Rao, PRIP Gary, IPP James, IPDG Joanne Kam & DGN Dr Shahul



From left: DG John, PRIP Gary recognises Arch Klumph Society donations from Dr Rachael Yap and DGE Dr Yap Lip Kee



DGN Dr Shahul Hameed receives his Major Donor Level 3 recognition



Hon. Member Uttam Kripalani, recognised as a Major Donor Level 3



From right: Yvonne & PE Tom Wolf receive their Major Donor Level 3 recognition

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From right: PP Dr Oliver & Irene Hennedige –
Major Donors Level 2



Extreme right: PP Mark Wang recognised as Major Donor
Level 1



From right: More RCS Major Donors Level 1 – IPP James, PP Alan Tan & PP Perlita Tiro



From left: DGN Dr Shahul Hameed, PRIP Gary Huang, President Dr Chan Siew Luen, PE Tom
& Yvonne Wolf, DGE Dr Yap Lip Kee & DG Dr John Chan

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Birthday Celebrants

RCS sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

PP Deepak Nagrani for 17 March



Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

RCS sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Bharat & Alka Mandloi for 13 March

Douglas Baquetti & Arreerak Sugklaum for 12 March

Saeed & Sajda Khan for 17 March



This Meeting

13 March 2024

Speaker: Rtn Sissi Goh

Topic: Legacy Planning – because you can't get up from your grave

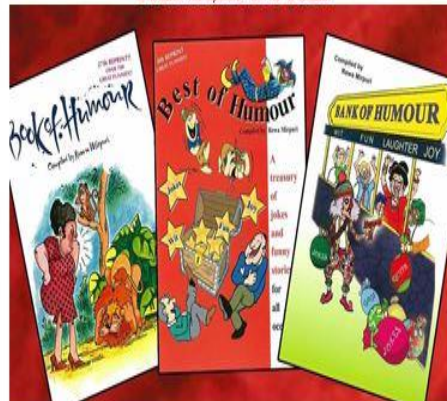
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Next Meeting

20 March 2024

Speaker: Dr Howard Bauchner, Vice Chairman of Paediatrics, Boston University School of Medicine

Topic: Evolving Issues in Medicine: A 50 Year Review and Looking into the Future

Coming Rotary Events

March – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

29 Mar – Swimmarathon

April – Environmental Month

May – Youth Service Month

17-19 May – 33rd District Conference @ Kuching

25-29 May – Rotary International Convention, Singapore

27 May – Host Hospitality Night

June – Rotary Fellowships Month

22 Jun – Installation of the 90th President & Board of Directors

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



The Guide to Daily Living

Before doing the things, we want to do, consider first, the Precepts of the guide. Ask ourselves these 4 questions and act upon them:

1. Have I spent some time in self-examination?
2. Have I spent quality time with my family?
3. Have I given my best to my work?
4. Have I given some time to someone near and far?

The Guide, in fact, encompasses the 4 parts of the Object of Rotary.

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